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THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 29, 1918.



By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall. Then join in hands, brave Americans all.

FUEL SITUATION DRIFTING.

ACCORDING to a special dispatch from Washington to the New York World some one in the Fuelway administration told a member of the Washington staff of that newspaper that "shortage of cars is not responsible for the declining production of bituminous coal" and "where a mine is idle because cars are lacking they are prepared to furnish ample transportation."

At the Fuel administration, on the other hand, reports indicate that bituminous mines have had to close because no cars are available, but Dr. Garfield is reluctant to place the blame for the slump on any one agency, "attributing the falling off in production to the extremely hot weather of the last few weeks."

What is the matter at Washington, anyway? They may not know what they are talking about in the Railroad administration, but they certainly know all the facts in the Fuel administration, yet they prefer to put on the soft pedal. The shortage of cars is holding down the production of soft coal and it will continue to hold it down until there is some marked improvement in transportation conditions and the time to face this condition, so full of danger to the full speed ahead conduct of the war, is right now.

We continue to be firmly of the opinion that the Railroad administration ought to put the coal carrying problem in the hands of some expert who has enough personal force to galvanize it much the same way Hurley and Schwab have galvanized ship construction. It is drifting now, and no one seems to have the courage to face the facts.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTES.

WHEN annual institutes of the teachers became a feature of the public school system of this country they were confined rather closely to instruction upon professional subjects and school room method. They were attended by the teachers as a matter of duty, but they did not arouse any great amount of enthusiasm.

Great changes have been made in institute programs in recent years and now while the drill and the other educational features have not been lost sight of nor even subordinated to other things, institutes have become more inspirational in their character and it is a spiritless teacher who can attend one and not take away greater enthusiasm for the important work that is done by the schools.

In this particular the institute which is being held in Fairmont this week is particularly fortunate. The lecturers all are alive to the duties and the opportunities of the hour and the teachers, veterans as well as novices, will be better men and women as well as better educators as a result of their attendance at institute.

THE NEW REGISTRATION.

AT Washington it is said the greatest publicity campaign the government ever undertook will be set on foot to spread the word about the new registration of men between 18 and 21 and between 31 and 46 which will soon be ordered under the provisions of the new draft act. Doubtless this is necessary merely to insure that no one will be unacquainted with the date and the details of the registration, but this time not much effort will be needed to make American men understand their duty in the premises.

When the original registration took place America was not yet fully in the war. Millions of people did not appreciate to the full their duty to the nation any more than many of them understood the justice of the step the republic had taken in entering the war. Which is to say, they did not appreciate it at all. All doubts have been cleared away during the stirring months that have ensued, however, and every man in the country who falls within the provisions of the new draft law realizes that if he does

not register and offer himself freely he richly deserves the contempt of all decent people.

What is more, he will get it. Every dispatch from the battle front shows that the only way the war can be ended speedily and in the right way, a way which will insure that the sacrifices that have been made by the gallant Americans, French, British and Italians who have died upon the battlefields, were not made in vain, is for America to put forth its full force as quickly as possible. It is to help in that direction that the new registration is to be undertaken.

Every man worthy of being called an American will be out on registration day and those who do not come out should not be treated with the leniency which was vouchsafed to the laggards of the first registration.

GOOD WORK.

THE rapid manner in which the coal production committees are being organized at the mines throughout this district indicates that Production Manager Fleming has made a most excellent start with the big job he has undertaken.

Production already is ahead of outlet in this immediate coal region, but the new relations between mine workers and mine operators which these committees will set on foot are bound to benefit both interests long after the war emergency has passed, and for that reason every one should give all the assistance possible to the movement even though there may be doubts about the present need for it.

As the men and the operators become more familiar with the committee machinery it will be possible to use it for a variety of war work beyond the original scope of the idea. It can, for instance, be utilized to disseminate information among the mining communities regarding the war financing, the Home service work of the Red Cross and to promote the cause of Americanization among the men and women of alien birth, and to do many things of that general character.

The fact that it is falling down harder than any other branch of the government has not the slightest tendency to make the Railroad administration step softly, and it is making plans to take the matter of deferred classification for railroad employees up with President Wilson and Secretary Baker. To "call their attention sharply" to the matter, is the way the Washington dispatches put it. What the Railroad administration wants is a blanket exemption such as the ship building industry got. And the chances are it will get it.

France's Navy department has issued a statement to the effect that Lieutenant Schweiger, who commanded the submarine which sank the Lusitania, has not been captured. Schweiger and our old friend Villa are running a close race in this rumored capture business, and in the case of the German naval man these reports frequently repeated are an indication that interest in him is not going to die out as long as he and the men who ordered the torpedoing of the liner remain unpunished.

John D. Ryan, who has been working for weeks on the aircraft matter signaled his first day in office as an assistant secretary of war in charge of aeronautics by saying that each of the Allied governments is seeking Liberty motors in a quantity more than we can provide. Which would seem to be a fairly complete answer to the critics who have been yammering because this government did not adopt foreign engines in its aircraft program. What the American government was after when it decided to develop the Liberty motor was an aircraft engine that could be turned out rapidly and in quantities. No other engine of this type has been or can be turned out that way. Quantity production even of fine machinery is in keeping with the American industrial tradition and it is certain that we could arrive at it in a reasonable length of time if we kept our heads. The fact that the governments associated with us in the war upon Germany are now turning to us for power proves that, even though the American air program is way behind schedule, the Liberty motor will have the effect of speeding up and increasing the air resources of the Allies as a whole way beyond what would have been possible if our motor had not been developed.

The work of fight clause was taken out of the new draft bill by the conferees. It was proper that this action should be taken. No matter calculated to create class feeling or industrial uneasiness had any right to be in such a measure. Nevertheless the whole country should realize that public opinion has taken a thumbs down stand against loafing and agitation in labor circles for agitations sake alone. If loafing persists or strikes become numerous these conditions will be dealt with vigorously in legislation bearing directly upon those conditions. America is now engaged in winning the war and it is not going to permit its efforts to be interfered with in any way.

SHORT AND SNAPPY

Dr. Sadler, the anthropologist, classifies the Germans in two categories—those with long heads and those with round heads. The less scientific classification is simpler—they are all bone-heads.—Morgantown Post.

They may pause now and then, but those Yanks with their allies just keep "moseying" along on their way to Berlin. "It's a long way, but they'll get there."—Clarksburg Exponent.

Napoleon had better look well to his laurels. Old Foch is making a bid for first place in the military hall of fame.—Spencer Times-Record.

Foch seems to be under the impression that an offensive is a game which two can play at.—Charleston Mail.

Von Burian calls it a war of successful defense. It begins to look more like a war of unsuccessful offense.—Huntington Herald Dispatch.

General Pershing's army reports are brief and to the point, the reports of a commander who limits himself to facts. To sound the praise of his troops, of our boys, he leaves to the allies and to—the foe.—Wheeling News.

tion county with complete success.

Some day juries in justices' courts will be called upon to use horse sense in coming to findings.

And then most of the guys who figure in this kind of public service in this country will have to hunt new ways of grafting their tobacco money.

C. W. W. in his address to the voters remarks that there are no factions in the demmie party in this state.

Mebby he is right, at that.

A cynic once remarked that the underlying principle of American politics is—"if you can't lick 'em, jine 'em."

And whatever else Bill Chilton is he is a practical politician.

With a strong tendency to smooth-

ness as to method.

However, those who cannot subscribe to the Colonel's one faction doctrine are invited to come over into the Elkins camp.

Lamp in the papers this morning that the government expects to save eight million gallons of gasoline each Sunday through the non-use of motor vehicles which has been requested.

Is that all?

Why the saving in Marion county alone will amount to almost that.

But my, how lonesome the country roads will be!

A rich deposit of asphalt has been discovered in the Philippines located so near the water's edge that no inland transportation whatever is necessary.

Send in That Design For A City Flag

Some time ago The West Virginian announced that it would give a prize of \$10 for the best design for a city flag for Fairmont, the contest to close September 1. A number of designs have been submitted but the contest is still wide open, and every one who has a design in mind should send it in.

The idea is the big thing, and when the prize winning design is selected a rough sketch will have just as good a chance as the most finished drawing. Get busy right away. Ten dollars will buy two War Savings stamps and a couple of Thrift stamps, and all you have to do to get it is a little clever thinking. Remember the contest closes September 1.

What People Say and Some Side Remarks

Sam Hite, who reads the newspapers and magazines as carefully as anyone in Fairmont and is just about as well posted up on what is going on as anyone else in this section, opposed the drafting of boys of eighteen to twenty-one. He said: "A minor is not allowed to vote and I don't think he should be included in the draft."

James R. Phelps, one of the members of the Community Labor Board for Fairmont, is not a novice when it comes to war work. He tried a job in a munitions factory down at Pittsburgh and for a time was finishing up the shells. He realizes what a tremendous undertaking his committee is going to have and says:

"Munition factories are essential. Other lines are being weighted in the balance." Mr. Phelps is watching the bulletins sent to him every week and is not backward in acknowledging that the Community Labor Board is going to have its hands full.

Corporal W. A. Ritzel, formerly city editor of the Warren, Ohio, Daily Chronicle, who is at Camp Meade, pokes lots of fun at West Virginians in some of his letters to that paper, and then impudently marks them and sends them to his old buddy, E. H. Clover, a West Virginian by adoption, with the view, probably, of getting Clover's goat. One of the jests ran: A number of West Virginians were gathered together in one room in the Personnel office recently, and on being asked by a sergeant if there was any one in the room who could speak English, one chap raised his hand and gave the information that "I speak West Virginian." Which shows how dense some Ohioans are—not realizing when they are being kidded.

Clothes-Line.

(By Alfred Meyers.)

The higher the price of clothes rises the deeper we must go down in our pockets to get them.

One no longer needs try on the clothes he buys; he is sure of a fit when he is told the price.

No pinch-back coats; but you must pinch yourself for the price of a pinch-less.

Belted coats? A thing of the past. You are squeezed enough for a belt-less.

Shipbuilders in Maine are bringing timber for supplying their yards from Oregon. This a few years ago, would have been regarded as another instance of carrying coals to Newcastle. Time was when Maine had timber enough for its own purposes and to spare.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE (BY GONDY)



August 29, 1918.

COURTNEYS' STORE NEWS

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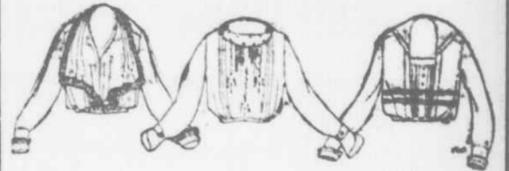
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DRAFTEES WILL BE CARED FOR AS USUAL

Urged to Call on Attorneys in Reference to Questionnaires.

"All the lawyers of the Marion County Bar have signified a willingness to assist draftees in filling up their questionnaires, as far as I know," said Hon. William S. Haymond, Judge of the Circuit court, who is chairman of the legal advisory board created to help boys that are going to the front. "As a matter of fact, I could even drop the preparation of an opinion in order that some of the draftees may be assisted," said Judge Haymond, "and have done so on a number of occasions. I have assisted them on all occasions except with the possible exception of when I was on the bench trying a case. I do not know of a lawyer who

has refused any assistance to a draftee, and I think if there are any around they should be named. Many of the lawyers have given much of their time gratuitously and are glad to do so," continued the judge. "The only reason the legal advisory board set no special sittings of lawyers in the Court house was due to the small number of questionnaires that have the city and 50 some in 'em bumbum been sent out, as there are only twenty-eight in the city and fifty some in the county."

"Three divisions have been formed," said Judge Haymond, "in taking care of the boys. On Monday and Thursday the division of which I am the head takes care of all comers. On Tuesday and Friday the division headed by Attorney Harry Shaw fills up the questionnaires and on Wednesday and Saturday the division in charge of Hon. W. Scott Meredith attends to the work. If any of the draftees visit any of these men on the days set for their division at their offices they will either attend to them personally or will send them to the other lawyers of the division scheduled for that day."

Judge Haymond said that it is a difficult matter for the lawyers to know exactly when men from the mines will come to the city because they have no advance information, but added, "any draftee has the liberty to call on any attorney at any time. If they cannot find one they are at liberty to call on another one." Judge Haymond says that the law-

yers have always been patriotic, and referred to the Red Cross guarantee that twenty of the members of the bar made, each pledging himself for \$1,000.

United States Commissioner J. P. Kirby was a busy man yesterday, because he filled out six questionnaires. In commenting on the assistance given by the lawyers to draftees, Attorney James A. Meredith said: "Not only have I attended to making out questionnaires at my office, but I have even visited homes at Norwood to help the boys."

To prevent poison being used in mistake for medicine an inventor has patented a bottle with the neck at one side and so formed that its contents can not be poured out without careful manipulation.

A Bangor, Me., woman, who was invited to a social occasion recently, arrived late and found all the chairs occupied. She happened to be standing near a talking machine, so started to play "The Star Spangled Banner," and when the people started to take their seats at the close she obtained one.

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RUFF STUFF

Thirteen months for one bootlegger is getting the punishment up to where it begins to fit the crime.

But this knuckles story ought to have won ten years in a dynamite factory.

If a man under arrest did pick up a knuckles he is too stupid to be permitted to be at large.

If he didn't pick them up he insulted the jury by trying to put across such a story.

But maybe the jury hasn't any eyes to complain on that score.

Many a lie just as with rotten has been sold to these boozie case juries in Ma-